



BRAD LITTLE
GOVERNOR

March 22, 2021

The Honorable Lawrence Denney
Secretary of State
Idaho State Capitol
Statehouse Mail

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to advise you that I have signed on March 19, 2021 and am transmitting to you the following legislative bills to wit:

SENATE BILL 1060

I signed this legislation with reluctance. I agree that we can all use our experience from the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to learn how we can strengthen our state's public health system and improve a statute that is fifty years old. However, I fear this legislation creates potential barriers for local public health and could impede their ability to quickly and appropriately act in the case of a public health emergency. Once this pandemic has ended, I respectfully request the legislature, public health district representatives, state public health officials, and representatives from the medical community to revisit this issue and examine any unintended consequences this legislation may create.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brad Little".

Brad Little
Governor of Idaho